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Quarterly Reports Due

Don't forget it's almost time for second quarter reports. Click on the typewriter to head over to the reports database and enter your activities. Even though you might not have as much as usual due to the pandemic, it's a good idea to enter what you can. As always, let us know if you run into any issues: PRIDE@ksu.edu

PRIDE Community Happenings

Elk City PRIDE recently utilized a VIP grant to provide new medallions for the graves of military veterans and first responders at their local Oak Hill Cemetery. Thanks to the Montgomery County Chronicle for the full article! Potwin PRIDE has been busy in the Ken Whittington Memorial Plant a Row for the Hungry...
Garden. According to their recent newsletter youth and adults worked on planting 93 tomato plants and ten hills of cucumbers. Additional work on watermelons, corn, potatoes and sweet potatoes was undertaken. One of our newest communities, Riverton, has held two clean-up events so far. That's ambition! Check out their Facebook page to see everything they've been up to. Share your happenings with us: PRIDE@ksu.edu

Office Closed - July 3

In observance of Independence Day, the K-State Research and Extension and Kansas PRIDE office will be closed. Enjoy the holiday and be safe!

Rural Community Toolbox

A rural community toolbox website has been launched by the federal government and University of North Dakota as a resource for funding and tools to build a healthy drug-free rural community. Rural communities already struggling to attract or maintain businesses feel the major impact of substance abuse on quality of life. This new online toolbox takes the Federal Rural Resource Guide (June 2020) and puts it online in an interactive format.

On the site visitors will find funding resources to address substance abuse disorder (SUD), treatment and service options, information, training, and more. A community assessment tool will help you see how SUD is impacting your area, and you can pair that data with other statistics such as the poverty rate, broadband access, and education.

For more information and to explore the Rural Community Toolbox site, visit them directly at: https://www.ruralcommunitytoolbox.org/ or contact Betty-Ann Bryce, Rural Health Liaison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture: betty-ann.bryce@usda.gov

Respond to the Census!

Not only is it the law, it's a good idea. Population numbers from the decennial census are used to distribute over $6 billion in federal funds to Kansas every year. Why not bring some of our taxed dollars back to the state for projects that benefit our communities? Census numbers are also used to determine voting districts,
infrastructure planning, emergency preparedness, disaster relief, education and health funding, disease control and more. Businesses and potential entrepreneurs use census data to determine where to locate new retail, service, or manufacturing facilities. How else will they know if there will be a workforce or customer base to support them? If you've ever wished there were more jobs in your community or more places to shop, eat, or play, filling out the census form is important. You can find out more about participating in the census with Kansas Counts at their website: https://kansascounts.org/. They have a handy "Take the Census Now" button in case you haven't already.

So what is our response rate right now in Kansas? 65% at the time of this writing. You can see what your county and city response rates are by clicking here to view the 2020 census website: https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html. If your community is reporting in low, maybe census awareness and participation is a great project idea for your PRIDE committee to undertake. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS
Did you know that K-State Research and Extension's Nancy Daniels is providing upcoming Grant Writing Workshops throughout the state (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for communities, which are also listed on the link later in the newsletter)? Check out the link below for more grant workshop location and registration information. Due to the current COVID-19 situation, some of the upcoming workshops have been postponed, so keep checking back here or on the website for updates. We are also working on an online format. More details to come.

Grant Writing Workshops

External Funding Opportunities
Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Kansas:
USDA Rural Development has $2.7 million in
grants for Kansas to help rural communities continue their recovery from the effects of natural disasters. Funds of up to $50,000 are available to communities directly affected or located within certain designated areas. See the site for more details.

**Evergy's Hometown Economic Recovery Grant Program:** Kansas PRIDE sponsor Evergy has a grant program designed to support nonprofit agencies servicing clients in the Evergy service territory that are offering programming to aid in the short and long term economic recovery efforts in their communities. Specifically, they are looking at funding projects and programs that focus on business attraction and expansion, workforce training and development, job placement, strategic community planning, and entrepreneurialism. Visit the link for more details.

**Midwest Energy's Community Fund:** Kansas PRIDE sponsor Midwest Energy has a Community Fund and Community Fund Impact Grant Program. The Community Fund benefits charitable, educational and nonprofit organizations in the Midwest Energy service area. Awards range from $100 to $1,000 and are granted semiannually to activities that focus on youth, arts, education, libraries, community events or other priorities in their guidelines. The Community Fund Impact Grant Program offers $5,000 grants to activities more narrow in focus. You can find guidelines and application details at the link.

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### Home Pages on the Increase

Several PRIDE communities have taken advantage of the offer of the Kansas Library Network and have received assistance on setting up their community's Internet home page. Once established, communities may, free of charge, utilize the State Library's "Blue Skiesways Network" to display their home page. A community's home page allows people, from all over the world, to view the positive things available and happening in your community. Information on developing your home page and what is required of each community can be obtained by calling Michael Piper, Executive Director, Kansas Library Network Board.

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### From the History Books

This month's history piece comes from the May-June 1997 Kansas PRIDE Newsletter.

Remember when the web was fairly new? Not so many sites, no social media. Communities were exploring how they could get a homepage online to tell the world about what was happening. We've come a long way!

For more history take a look at our Newsletter Archives!

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### Up for a Community Visit? We Are, Too!

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Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to come to your community so we can present an overview of the program, should you be interested in enrolling, or to discuss the program and any of its components or training modules in person if you’re already in the program. Travel restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 situation prevent us from visiting in person currently, but we still would be more than happy to host a Zoom meeting where your PRIDE group members, city council members, chamber participants, Masonic Lodge, or other groups could individually log in to see the presentation and ask questions. Just e-mail us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to set up a schedule.

To view pre-recorded webinars giving an introduction to the program, step-by-step instructions on how to enroll or report, fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and more, head over to our Education page for more. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

Aside from posting news and information on the Kansas PRIDE Facebook Page between newsletters (we don’t want to end up in your junk folder!), we (as in Jan and Jaime) are now hopping on Facebook Live on Fridays for some education and small talk - and sometimes the odd trivia question! Join us on Fridays (usually around 10am or a bit later - Jan and I (as in mostly I) are still getting used to it!) for some learning opportunities!

**COVID-19 Resource links**

It is recommended that community PRIDE groups follow their local health department’s guidelines for any meetings or events during the pandemic. Additional resources for families, businesses, communities, and more can be found at the links below:

- K-State Research and Extension – [Research-based guidance and information](#)
- Kansas Department of Commerce – [COVID-19 Response Page](#)
- U.S. Small Business Administration – [COVID-19 Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment – [Coronavirus Resource](#)
First Friday e- Calls: Check'em Out!
K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they’ve been recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. Creating an online sales presence for your business, Baby Boomers and the rural housing supply, and filling empty buildings are some of the topics available for viewing. NOTE: Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be no First Friday e-Call in July.

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
- July 15th, October 15th, January, April 15th

Send Your Ad Here!
2020 Kansas PRIDE Communities

So far the following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2020.

And if you'd like to enroll go here and click on the blue "Enroll" button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushtown
- Calwell
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hugoton
- Humboldt
- Iola
- Independence
- Kinsley
- La Harpe

- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Nickerson
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Ozawkie
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riverton
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Russell
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wichita (South Central)
- Wilson
- Yates Center